

**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

Address to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Application Number	10/550,486
Filing Date	September 26, 2005
First Named Inventor	Michio Kubota
Confirmation No.	2976
Art Unit	1794
Examiner Name	Jenna A. Watts
Attorney Docket Number	KUBOTA=16

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plat application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when RCE is filed.

Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

The following fees are being paid herewith:

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$810.00

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR. 1.136 and 1.17): \$130.00 for 1 month
(\$ already paid for month(s) extension of time on)

iii. Suspension fee (see 2a above) \$130.00

iv. Other _____

a. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed (Check No. _____)

b. Authorization is submitted herewith for payment by credit card in the amount of \$940.00.

c. The director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment with respect to this RCE to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

4. Provisional extension of time if needed. Applicants authorize any charge of additional fees (except issue fee) that may be required in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Anne M. Kornbau	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	25,884
Signature		Date	December 22, 2009